

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! Lord willing this is the year our Lord and Savior returns!!!! We appreciate and love y'all, and thank you very much for the Christmas cards, gifts and well wishes.

I was just thinking back on this last year, and for us it was MUCH crazier than 2020. We were struggling through the whole year with Sarah's health issues, but pressing forward enduring hardness as a good soldier, and by the grace of God we were able to see many saved, others discipled, with lives being changed for the Lord. Then watching the mighty hand of God work in our lives in a very fast and miraculous way to where we are today...God is amazing!! Thank you, Lord, for never forsaking us and always being faithful in every way!

The work in Mexico keeps moving forward in our absence, as it should. Angel is learning a lot, and I really appreciate what the Lord is doing in him and through him. I love Angel's heart and dedication to putting God first in everything he does. We are in constant communication to keep everything running smoothly. You always hear the horror stories from missionaries about what happens to the work in their absence, so I am very thankful that Angel and the work are going smooth with just the normal ups and downs of working in the ministry.

I am excited for February to roll around. With Sarah's health getting more stable, and the Lord pressing on my heart, I have booked a ticket to Mexico for February 3rd to visit the work. Sarah really wanted to go too, but she is not strong enough for that yet. It will be great to see everyone, and encourage them to press forward for the Lord. I will be doing some baptisms while there as well. I ask that you pray that everything works out great with no hinderances please. Specifically for Sarah's health and for the kids as our daughter Kendra will be taking care of her while I'm gone. I will only be going for five days; but we're praying there won't be any major setbacks while I'm gone either.

Sarah's recovery is still moving in the right direction; there have just been setbacks along the way. The process is like pealing back layers. As one thing heals, others pop up and we start working on those things. The root of her issues are so complex, and it's difficult to balance it all out, but little by little, the Lord is giving us victories. We are very thankful for where she's at, and we believe it is nothing short of a miracle. The doc has also told us many times that he is surprised how well Sarah is responding to the treatments. He said that it is truly a blessing from God. He has a treatment plan setup over the next three months, and then we'll see how she is doing overall. He is hoping that he can send us off with good health. We are praying that by then she will be doing great, and have good enough health to take the next step of what the Lord has for us...but at the same time, I don't want to take that step too soon. It wouldn't do us any good to leave too early only to have to return later. Keep praying for her, us, and God's perfect timing in everything he desires for us.

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

The Russell Family- Adam, Sarah, Kendra, Braden

Prayer Requests:

Souls in Mexico, Sarah's health & recovery, Angel and the work in Mexico



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